

## Salem County Office of Archives

## and Records Management

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TIME LINES V 2000 to 2099 Salem County, New Jersey

Salem County enters the Twenty-first Century with high expectations; remaining agrarian, without rejecting the growth needed to insure the prosperity of the county which is the goal of the Freeholders and community leaders. The aim is to encourage the expansion of business and housing through controlled planning and at the same time support the continued success of agriculture and the preservation of wetland resources.

- 2000 Salem County population approximately 64,400
- Founding of the Nisei Koi Farm in Carney's Point Township. A 43 acre former asparagus farm was transformed into twenty tosai mud ponds, for raising baby koi, and large greenhouses, where the fish mature. When they are 2 years old or older they are sold to breeders, to the trade & collectors. Tosai, translates as koi of less than a year old
- Farmland Preservation continues to be a primary issue, with strong support of voters in the county.

Work begins on a new bridge over the Salem river to Penn's Neck and the old 1927 bridge, the last Strauss bascule lift highway bridge in the country, is removed. Cogs from the old bridges mechanism are incorporated as a relief sculpture mounted on a display wall to commemorate its importance.

Salem Main Street introduces a farmers market, on West Broadway in the City of Salem, which is open each Thursday from May to October. It includes booths with produce, flowers & herbs, food products, crafts, and food service, as well as live musical performances, etc. The market instantly becomes a hit with the community.

- Work begins on a replacement for the Quinton Bridge and the roadway is raised to eliminate the periodic flooding that has hampered traffic. The bridge is reopened to traffic in 2005.
- 2004 PSE&G announces merger plans with the Exelon Corporation (later withdrawn)

Salem County Office of Archives & Records Management is established by the Freeholders. Primarily originally funded by a Public Archives and Records Infrastructure Support (PARIS) grant from the New Jersey State Division of Archives and Records Management (DARM) to improve records management at the County and Municipal level.

The Anchor Glass Container company rumored leaving Salem City but with the cooperation of the City, County and State it remains in operation. Improvement of the County owned railroad serving the plant played a roll in this decision.

- The Delaware River and Bay Authority announces that 17.6 million vehicles passed through the toll plaza in 2005 with estimated \$72.4 million in revenue.
- The Freeholders hire the Morris Land Conservancy to develop an "Open Space Plan" to coordinate with the Farmland Preservation program in the County. In the State, Salem County ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among counties for farmland preservation with over 20,000 acres preserved.

The Office of Economic Development announces that by late 2006 the county rail line, from Swedesboro to Salem, will be able to carry heavy loads. With the reduced transportation costs the county expects to attract more business.

The Freeholders accepted a check for \$198,000.00 from the South Jersey Economic Development District (SJEDD) to put towards the restoration of the "Old Courthouse".

The Salem City Municipal Port Authority announces that the typical container ship making use of the port carries 150 containers with mostly consumer goods. It takes approximately 12 hours to unload and reload a ship.